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SUBJ: OUTER SPACE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE: MARCH 14 OPENING SESSION

1. SUMMARY. HIGHLIGHTS OF BRIEF OPENING SESSION OF OSLSC
MARCH 14, P.M. WERE: (A) CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT REVIEWING
MAJOR OUTER SPACE LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS OF LAST DECADE;
(B) ADOPTION OF PROVISIONAL AGENDA; (C) ADOPTION OF REVISED
WORK PROGRAM SHIFTING DBS FROM SECOND TO THIRD WEEK;
(D) REESTABLISHMENT OF LAST YEAR'S THREE WORKING GROUPS;
(E) CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR OBSERVER STATUS;
AND (F) STATEMENTS BY USSR AND COSPAR. END SUMMARY.

2. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT. WYZNER REVIEWED STATUS
OF ADHERENCE TO THE FOUR OUTER SPACE TREATIES WHICH WERE
OPENED FOR SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION IN LAST DECADE. HE
SUMMARIZED RESULTS OF LAST YEAR'S LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE AND
OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE AND NOTED THAT UNGA RESOLUTION 31/8
ASKED THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE TO GIVE HIGH PRIORITY AT
THIS SESSION TO UNRESOLVED ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE DRAFT
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TREATY OF THE MOON, DBS, AND REMOTE SENSING.

3. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ADOPTED PROVISIONAL AENDA
A/AC.105/C.2/L.109 WITHOUT DISCUSSION.

4. ORGANIZATION OF WORK. WYZNER PROPOSED THAT THE
SUBCOMMITTEE TAKE UP THE AGENDA ITEMS IN THE FOLLOWING

ORDER: 1ST WEEK: MOON TREATY. 2ND WEEK: REMOTE SENSING.
3RD WEEK: DBS. AT END OF THIRD WEEK IT COULD CONSIDER
HOW TO DIVIDE ITS TIME IN THE LAST WEEK BETWEEN AGENDA
ITEM 5, DEFINITION/DELIMITATION OF OUTER SPACE AND PREPARATION
OF THE FINAL REPORT. WYZNER NOTED THAT SEVERAL DELEGATIONS
HAD ASKED FOR ONE WEEK DELAY IN CONSIDERATION OF DBS IN
ORDER TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS. BELGIUM
AND UK INDICATED THAT PROPOSED RESCHEDULING CREATED PROBLEMS
SINCE THEIR EXPERTS HAD ALREADY ARRANGED THEIR TRAVEL
PLANS IN ANTICIPATION THAT DBS WOULD COME UP IN 2ND WEEK.
US NOTED THAT WE WERE AMONG THOSE REQUESTING RESCHEDULING
AND THAT IF DBS IS TAKEN UP IN 2ND WEEK, WE WOULD BE UNABLE
TO PLAY ACTIVE ROLE DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF EXPERT. AT
END OF BRIEF DISCUSSION, SUBCOMMITTEE CONCURRED IN
PROPOSED WORK SCHEDULE.

5. WORKING GROUPS. SUBCOMMITTEE AGREED TO WYZNER'S
PROPOSAL FOR RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THREE WORKING GROUPS
AS PER 1976 SESSION. HARASTY (HUNGARY) WILL AGAIN CHAIR
WG-1 ON THE MOON TREATY. THERE WILL BE CONSULTATIONS IN
THE NEXT FEW DAYS FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF WG-2 ON DBS AND
WG-3 ON REMOTE SENSING. AMBASSADOR MISHRA (INDIA),
WHO CHAIRED WG-2 LAST YEAR, HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM
GENEVA TO INDONESIA AND IS NOT PARTICIPATING IN LSC THIS
YEAR. (IN PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH WYZNER HE INDICATED
HE MAY CHAIR WG-2 HIMSELF.)

6. REQUESTS FOR OBSERVER STATUS. WYZNER INFORMED THE
SUBCOMMITTEE THAT COLOMBIA, ECUADOR AND GUYANA HAD REQUESTED
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OBSERVER STATUS FOR THE CURRENT LSC SESSION, AND PROPOSED
THAT THE LSC RESPOND AS FOLLOWS. THE PARENT COMMITTEE
ALONE CAN ACT ON THESE REQUESTS; HOWEVER, REPRESENTATIVES
OF THESE STATES WOULD BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND THE LSC MEETINGS
WITHOUT FORMAL OBSERVER STATUS AND TO DIRECT TO THE
CHAIRMAN ANY REQUESTS TO MAKE STATEMENTS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE
CONCURRED WITH THIS PROPOSAL WITHOUT DISCUSSION.

7. GENERAL DEBATE: USSR. PIRADOV'S PRESENTATION EMPHASIZED
THE SOVIET COMMITMENT TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN OUTER
SPACE ACTIVITIES; CALLED ON THE LSC TO URGE ADDITIONAL
STATES TO RATIFY THE 1967 OUTER SPACE TREATY BEFORE ITS
10TH ANNIVERSARY THIS OCTOBER; ALSO HIGHLIGHTED THE SOVIET
PRESS RELEASE OF FEBRUARY 16, 1977 ON READINESS TO NEGOTIATE
BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS FOR US AND
INTERPRETATION OF DATA FROM REMOTE SENSING SATELLITES;
AND OUTLINED INTERCOSMOS PROGRAM FOR 1978-83. COMMENTING
ON LSC AGENDA, PIRADOV MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:
(A) ON MOON TREATY, HE SAID LC SHOULD TRY TO REACH AN

ACCEPTABLE CONSENSUS ON UNRESOLVED ISSUES. (B) ON DBS, THE ITU CONFERENCE DECISIONS SUPPORT USSR VIEW ON THE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL LEGAL AGREEMENT TO PRIOR CONSENT REGIME. SOVIETS HOPE THAT CURRENT LSC CAN CONCLUDE WORK ON DBS PRINCIPLES AT THIS SESSION IN ORDER TO GIVE A "COLLECTIVE GIFT" TO AUSTRALIA, HOST OF THIS YEAR'S OSC MEETING, WHICH MIGHT BE CALLED THE "VIENNA PRINCIPLES". (C) ON REMOTE SENSING, PIRADOV REPEATED THE POSITION OUTLINED AT STSC MEETING THAT 50 M RESOLUTION CAPACITY SHOULD BE THE CRITERION FOR RESTRICTING DISSEMINATION OF DAT FROM REMOTE SENSING SATELLITES.

8. COSPAR DELEGATE REVIEWED CURRENT COSPAR ACTIVITIES.

9. AFTER THE MEETING ITALIAN DELEGATE LAY INFORMED US THAT WEST GERMANS HAVE CIRCULATED A PAPER TO OTHER EC MEMBERS OUTLINING THEIR POSITION ON DBS (AS REPORTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFTER RECENT US-FRG MEETING IN BONN), AND ARE SEEKING EC SUPPORT FOR STAND-PAT POSITION. ITALIAN DELEGATE INFORMED US THAT HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO "SUBSTANTIALLY SUPPORT" THE FRG POSITION. THE EC-9 ARE PLANNING TO HOLD A MEETING THIS WEEK TO REVIEW THEIR POSITION ON DBS. IN REPLY TO INQUIRY RE US POSITION WE INFORMED HIM THAT MATTER WAS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW, AND PROMISED TO KEEP HIM INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. WE WILL BE SEEKING VIEWS OF OTHER EUROPEAN DELEGATES ON GERMAN PROPOSAL. YOUNG

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